

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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Claim 1 (previously presented) A seat for a chair, the seat comprising:

a) a first support surface disposed in a first plane and adapted to distribute a downward load of a person's trunk across the person's buttocks to provide support for the person's sit bones; and

a second support surface disposed substantially forwardly of the first support surface in a second plane angled downwardly in relation to the first plane and adapted to support the person's thighs, the second support surface having a forward facing edge and a front-to-back extent from just forward of the person's sit bones to having the forward facing edge located just behind the person's knees, so that the second support surface extends under and supports the person's thighs.

Claim 2 (original) A seat according to claim 1 wherein the first support surface is substantially planar.

Claim 3 (original) A seat according to claim 2 wherein the second support surface is substantially planar and wherein the plane of the first support surface and the plane of the second support surface intersect so that when the first support surface is substantially horizontal, the second support surface extends substantially forwardly and downwardly with respect to the first support surface.

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (previously presented) A seat according to claim 1 wherein the first support surface is a substantially planar surface having a perimetrical extent sufficient to extend under the person's buttocks to support the sit bones.

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Claim 6 (previously presented) A seat according to claim 1 wherein the second support surface is a substantially planar surface having a perimetrical extent sufficient to extend under and support the person's thighs.

Claim 7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (previously presented) A seat according to claims 1 or 3 wherein the second support surface is angled downwardly in relation to the first support surface by an angle ranging from about 10° to about 30°.

Claim 9 (previously presented) A seat according to claim 8 wherein the second support surface is angled downwardly in relation to the first support surface by an angle of about 20°.

Claim 10 (previously presented) A seat according to claim 3 wherein the first support surface and the second support surface are joined along a common edge.

Claim 11 (original) A seat according to claim 10 wherein the common edge has a rounded profile.

Claim 12 (original) A seat according to claim 11 wherein the rounded profile of the common edge is about 12 cm. radius.

Claim 13 (previously presented) A seat according to claims 1 or 3 further comprising a pommel extending upwardly from at least one of the support surfaces.

Claim 14 (previously presented) A chair comprising a seat, the seat comprising:

a) a first support surface disposed in a first plane and adapted to support a downward load of a person's trunk across the person's buttocks to provide support for the person's sit bones; and

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b) a second support surface disposed substantially forwardly of the first support surface in a second plane angled downwardly in relation to the first plane and adapted to support the person's thighs, the second support surface having a forward facing edge and a front-to-back extent from just forward of the person's sit bones to having the forward facing edge located just behind the person's knees, so that the second support surface extends under and supports the person's thighs,

and wherein the height of the first support surface above a floor on which the chair is resting is determined in use to be sufficient to allow the person's feet to be squarely resting on the floor when the person is seated on the seat.

Claim 15 (original) A chair according to claim 14 wherein the first support surface is substantially planar.

Claim 16 (original) A chair according to claim 15 wherein the second support surface is substantially planar, and wherein the plane of the first support surface and the plane of the second support surface intersect so that when the first support surface is substantially horizontal, the second support surface extends substantially forwardly and downwardly with respect to the first support surface.

Claim 17 (canceled)

Claim 18 (previously presented) A chair according to claim 14 wherein the first support surface of the seat is a substantially planar surface having a perimetrical extent sufficient to extend under a person's buttocks to support the sit bones.

Claim 19 (previously presented) A chair according to claim 14 wherein the second support surface of the seat is a substantially planar surface having a perimetrical extent sufficient to extend under and support a person's thighs.

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Claim 21 (previously presented) A chair according to claims 14 or 16 wherein the second support surface is angled downwardly in relation to the first support surface by an angle ranging from about 10° to about 30°.

Claim 22 (previously presented) A chair according to claim 21 wherein the second support surface is angled downwardly in relation to the first support surface by an angle of about 20°.

Claim 23 (previously presented) A chair according to claim 16 wherein the first support surface and the second support surface are joined along a common edge.

Claim 24 (original) A chair according to claim 23 wherein the common edge has a rounded profile.

Claim 25 (original) A chair according to claim 24 wherein the rounded profile of the common edge is about 12 cm radius.

Claim 26 (previously presented) A chair according to claims 14 or 16 further comprising a pommel extending upwardly from at least one of the support surfaces.

Claims 27–31 (canceled)

Claim 32 (previously presented) A seat according to claim 3 wherein the first support surface has a front-to-back extent, and wherein the front-to-back extent of the first support surface is at least as great as the front-to-back extent of the second support surface.

Claim 33 (previously presented) A chair according to claim 16 wherein the first support surface has a front-to-back extent, and wherein the front-to-back extent of the first support surface is at least as great as the front-to-back extent of the second support surface.

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